of duty on PTFE in order to bring it lower than the finished products and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Though, in general, the policy is to levy higher import duty on finished products as compared to the raw materials, there are other factors also like the need to give protection to the indigenous manufacturers which are taken into consideration while fixing the import duty levels.

At present, there are no proposals for changing the import duty structure on PTFE.

Income-tax cases Pending in the High Courts and Supreme Courts

1003. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the FINANCE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pertaining to income-tax dues which arepending in the High Courts and the Supreme Court as on the 31st July, 1990;

(b) what is the amount of money involved;

(c) since when these cases are pending; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite settlement of the cases and to recover the dues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

Complaints Against Regional Iron and Steel Controller; Bombay

1004. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of complaints against the Regional Iron and Steel Controller, Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Regional Controller has since completed his three years term and is on an extension; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not transferring him to some other station when he has already completed three years in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A few complaints which appear to be pseudonymous were received against the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel in Bombay recently, during July, 1990.

(b) The Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Bombay has completed 4 years of deputation period with Government of India on 31-5-90. He has been granted extension of deputation period for one more year, i.e. upto 31-5-91.

(c) According to the existing Rules, IAS officers on Central deputation are eligible for appointment to the post of the level of Director after they complete 14 years of Service and are granted the selection grade in ttheir respective cadres. Since the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Bombay fulfilled the above conditions, the period of Central Deputation in his case was extended by one more year, i.e. upto 31.5.1991.

Disqualification for adopting corrupt pratice in elections

1005. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for stringent legal

provisions of six year automatic disqualification for anyone found guilty of corrupt practices during elections to Parliament and State Legislatures;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in that direction; and

(c) what will be the role of Election Commission in the proposed provision, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Final decision has not yet been taken.

राजस्थान से निर्यात की गई वस्तुएं

1006. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले वर्ष राजस्थान से किन-किन वस्तुओं का निर्यात किया गया और उससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई और निर्यात की जाने वाली वस्तुओं के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा राज्य-सरकार को क्या क्या प्रोत्साहन दिये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) निर्यात की जाने वाली वस्तुओं का उत्पादन करने वाले कारीगरों, शिल्पकारों, कुटीर-उद्योगों को सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या प्रोत्साहन दिये जा रहे हैं और पिछले वर्ष राजस्थान को दी गई इस प्रकार की सुविधाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरंगिल श्रीधरन) : (क) और (ख) निर्यात के आंकड़े राज्यवार नहीं बनाए जाते हैं । तथापि राजस्थान से पूलयवान पत्थर, हस्तशिल्प, संगमरमर इत्यादि मदों का निर्यात किया जाता है । निर्यात संवर्धन के उपायों के रूप में राजस्थान सहित सभी राज्यों के निर्यातकों को सामान्य एक मुश्त प्रोत्साहन दिया जाता है ।

Services norms of Messangers employed in SBI

1007. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many branches of the State Bank of India, Patna, Messangers are employed on daily wage basis on a very petty amount ranging between Rs. 10 to 20 per day though they perform duty for 7 hours or so like other regular employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Canteen boys in various offices of the Bank get consolidated salary varying from Rs. 150 to Rs. 600 per month;

(c) whether this is in violation of the Minimum Wages Act and the guideline issued by the Central Government regulating employment of daily-rated staff; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a), (b), and (c) above be in the affirmative, what steps are being taken to stop such unfair practices and ensure payment as per the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and to the extent possible will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of rice

1008. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of rice exported from India to various countries during the last three years; year-wise and country-wise and at what price; and

(b) what is the target fixed for the export of rice during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The information is given in the statements annexed.
(See Appendix CLV Annexure No. 28).